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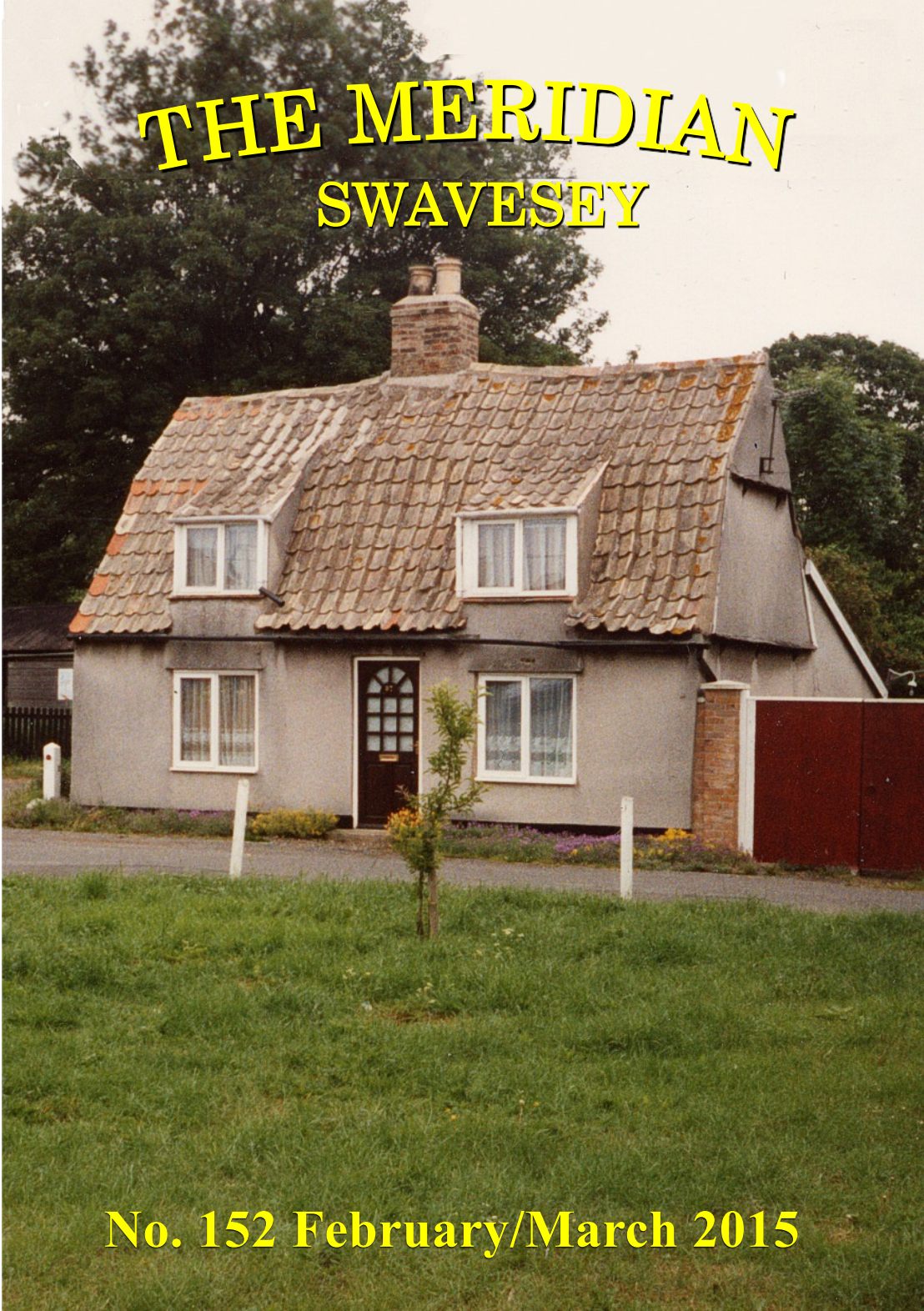

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EDITORIAL

Here we are already a month into 2015! it may still be winter but the evenings and mornings are getting lighter and it will soon be spring. Have you visited Pinks cafe yet? somewhere to sit and have a quiet coffee and maybe a cake (ok so your new year resolution was to lose weight -oops!) Don't forget to drop in at The White Horse too and see all the changes there.

I hope you have tried out the new bench at Swan Pond and we now have a grant from the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership to place an information board at the busway stop. I have to thank Linda Miller for her help in applying for this - Forms are not my strong point!

Our next edition will be delivered just before Easter so if you are planning anything make sure you tell us so we can tell everyone else. Deadline is the 20th February.

Thank you
Editor

Cover Photo - The Coal House as it used to be in about 1994 by Peter Martin

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.
A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the magazine and also on our website at www.swavesey.org.uk

2015

Saturday, February 7, Energise 3.00pm and 7.30pm at the Swavesey Venue in Swavesey Village College. Tickets £5 from the Box Office SVC or www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or 01954 230366, April Martin, (01954) 200533

Tuesday, February 17, Our W.I. is holding an event in the Memorial Hall to celebrate PANCAKE DAY! Do come along and enjoy pancakes with us, 9.30-12,30pm, Linda Saunders, (01954) 201162

Saturday, March 21, Concert:- Faure Requiem and pieces from "European Scared Music" (edited by John Rutter), Jane Gedny, (01954) 231305

Saturday, March 28, Table Top Sale in St Andrews Church 10.00am to 5.00pm, Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

Saturday, March 28, Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition to be held in the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 10.00am, Peter Looper, (01954) 202461

Sunday, May 10, The Meridian Meander - a 26 mile walk starting from Over Day Centre at 8.30am and 9.30am, (01954) 231807

Sunday, May 10, The 5 Pub Challenge - starting at 11.00am at Over Day Centre, (01954) 231807

Saturday, September 12, Big Band Concert in a giant marque on The Green.
The Blues Brothers and full supporting cast, Simon Shore, (01954) 230848

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February		
Wednesday 4	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 7	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet	Energise 3.00pm and 7.30pm at the Swavesey Venue in Swavesey Village College. Tickets £5 from the Box Office SVC or www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or (01954) 230366
Wednesday 11	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	A Walk on the Wildside'. A photographic tour of the UK presented by Jeff Harrison
Tuesday 17	Swavesey Women's Institute	Our W.I. is holding an event in the Memorial Hall to celebrate PANCAKE DAY! Do come along and enjoy pancakes with us, 9.30-12,30pm
Wednesday 18	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
March		
Wednesday 4	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 11	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	The Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project - 'Creating Ouse Fen Reserve'. A presentation by Hannah Bernie from the RSPB
Wednesday 18	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 21	Swavesey Community Choir	Concert. :- Faure Requiem and pieces from "European Scared Music" (edited by John Rutter)
Wednesday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 28	Swavesey Camera Club	Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition to be held in the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 10.00am
Saturday 28	St Andrew's Church	Table Top Sale in St Andrews Church 10.00am to 5.00pm

YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

What?

To alleviate stress for your Meridian team.

How?

By getting your items in by the DEADLINE!!

if you are not sure when this is it is always printed under the editorial in each issue.

I know I have said this before –a lot!- but it really does matter that we have items in by the deadline. We start to plan each issue as soon as one is delivered and once we have allocated space for advertisements and regular items like Parish Council we then need to know how many pages we will need for all the rest. We are happy to keep space for items if we know you may be a couple of days late as long as you notify us in advance.

It takes up a lot of time if I as editor have to keep chasing missing items as I have to email, phone, liaise with Alan to keep checking he has not received items that I haven't!

I know everyone is busy these days but so are we, maybe you could set something up on your computer or mobile that flags up a reminder for you when the deadline date is looming? or be really old fashioned and put a red ring round the date on your printed wall calendar!

PLEASE try to help us, it makes such a difference for us if we have everything in on time and gives us more time to ensure that your Meridian is the best it can be.
April Martin

Land Wanted To Rent

A small field or paddock wanted to rent in or close to Swavesey, please contact Stacey Black on 01954 200344 or staceyluu@googlemail.com.

Stacey is looking into the possibility of opening a dog park or something similar in the village. This is to combat the ever growing issues of, the guided bus, aggressive dogs, flooding, livestock, and other reasons why it is not safe to let dogs off the lead outside a secure area.

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey and District History Society

Programme 2014 - 15		
17 February	Wood, Wheels and Wagons Reg has previously spoken to us about fenland funerals and the history of ploughing	Reg Brown
17 March	Victorian Cambridgeshire; aspects of rural life Mike is a well known local historian and speaker	Mike Petty
21 April	Guthlac, Pega and Crowland's sacred isle Avril has the most amazing knowledge of the Fens	Dr. Avril Lumley
19-May	Fenland in the Roman period	Kasia Gdaniec

Swavesey Community Choir

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks to those of you who came to our Concert at St. Andrew's on 6th December...hopefully the church doesn't smell of mulled wine any more!!!

So we are back in full swing for our concert in March to be held on **Saturday 21st March 2015** at St Andrew's Church 7.30 pm. We will be performing Faure's Requiem and items from "European Sacred Music", edited by John Rutter

Please do come along and support your community choir.

We will then be following on with rehearsals for our Summer concert and we will announce the date and the programme as soon as it has been finalised.

Please take a look at our website for details of the choir, past performances and future plans www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk.

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the choir but we are always looking for new members, particularly younger members, so why not come along and give it a try. We are a very friendly bunch meeting every Wednesday during term time at Swavesey Village College from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.

Happy Singing ☺

Swavesey WI Anniversary Baton Party

The WI was formed in Anglesey in 1915 to unite women who lived in remote areas and help to educate them in matters of health and homecare for their families.

With the outbreak of World War 2the W.I. became involved in keeping up the troops morale by sending out parcels containing food, home-made jam and knitted clothing amongst other things. They also helped by keeping pigs and rabbits, housing evacuees, setting up canteens for the troops and campaigning for a better Britain after the war

To celebrate its 100th Anniversary, the WI National Federation arranged a "Baton" tour of all 69 federations in England, Wales and the Islands. The tour started on 1st January 2014 from Anglesey, where the first WI meeting was held in the UK and will finish its trip at the Annual Meeting in June 2015 at the Royal Albert Hall

Each WI celebrated the "Arrival of the Baton" in its own way. The Baton reached Swavesey WI on Friday 31st October at 14.00 and the photograph session was followed by a "High Tea" party, accompanied by war time era music played on an old style gramophone. A very nice afternoon was had by all.

Swavesey WI

Dates For The Diary	
February 9th	Rosegate Farm Butchery. Talk by David Baker
March 9th	A.G.M. followed by a Bring and Share Supper

If you would like more information on any of the above meetings or to find out more about our W.I., please call Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897. We meet on the 2nd Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall 7.30pm.

During February Half-Term on 17th Feb, our W.I. is holding an event in the Memorial Hall to celebrate PANCAKE DAY! Do come along and enjoy pancakes with us, 9.30-12,30pm. Look out for the posters!! All very welcome, should be a lot of fun!

Our Craft Group, which is going strong, meets in the Memorial Hall every Monday afternoon. 1.30-3.30pm. If you are into Crafts, please come along, bring your needles etc. We look forward to new faces, and it is a great way to pass a winter's afternoon. Our group submitted an entry in the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's Church and we were placed 2nd. Our ladies were highly delighted!!!!

In October 2014, our W.I. enjoyed a very successful Centenary Baton Tea Party to start our national W.I. Centenary Year. Members were treated to a delicious afternoon tea, lots of chat and memorabilia was on display.

2015 will be a year full of celebration nationally and locally for the W.I. Movement, if you are curious as to what we are all about, we invite you to come along and find out.

Deirdre Burgess.

Hard labour at Hale Road Allotments

First off I must testify (testify? Sounds like a scene from Guys and Dolls – must watch that again soon) anyway, testify that I am no gardener. I don't plant 'taters, I don't plant, well, anything really. Unless under strict supervision. Not often. So why would I be writing an article about Hale Road Allotments? Aside from Selwyn threatening me with his trusty ancient spade, hero of an earlier article, I do spend a fair amount of time down there and here's the odd thing, I enjoy it!

As I said earlier I am no gardener. However my wife, Val, is. It's one of her passions (I don't think I make it into the top ten these days). In the garden she does very kindly allow me to do some of the more important and enjoyable jobs. Mowing the lawn, scraping up fallen leaves, cutting the 12ft high hedge (now thankfully delegated to Edwin as I am too much of a wuss to get up the ladder these days), any hard landscaping that needs doing, and pretty much anything else that does not involve choosing plants and their cultivation.
You get the picture. I do NOT touch the plants unless, as I said, under strict supervision. So when the Hale Road Allotment site opened for business in autumn 2012 Val took a full plot (also joined the committee, she did). I was fine with this, maybe get it out of her system when she finds out how much hard work it is and I won't need to do much. Not so! Here we are well into the third year and I would guess that I have spent more time down the allotment than Val, particularly in the first year. How come? Well I'll tell you.

I have, in fact, already told you. I enjoy it! No really I do. Bit simplistic as an answer so I will try to elaborate. This will not be easy because to be honest you have to be there to understand. Thinking about it as I write this article I am still not absolutely sure myself. As I said, my role in the garden at home is mainly as a general labourer. I was happy to extend this role to the allotment, not thinking that there would be that much for me to do once the initial set up has been done. After all, each plot had been nicely ploughed all ready to be planted up, yes? No. You live and learn!

Next up was a big old shed (50 odd years old apparently) from a very kind Swavesey resident, who said we could have it free if we dismantled and took it away. With the help of Pete on plot 2 and Val project managing we had the shed dismantled and down the allotment in three goes on the roof of my old CRV. Do not think modern shed. The floor is heavy duty enough to be used as a dance floor as Pete will testify (testify to the weight that is. He didn't dance on it). They don't make sheds like that anymore. Slabs for the base were provided free by our nice neighbours. The shed panels sat in a pile untouched until the spring, due to the poor weather, though I did spread a little preservative on the floor. Another feeble excuse to be down there. Construction took place in early spring and, frankly, it did look the worst for wear particularly in the roof

area. I had planned to go for the "tattiest shed on the site" award, we all know allotment sheds are supposed to be tatty, but got carried away (enthusiasm I suppose) during those first few months. A fair bit of effort, some planks of wood, roofing felt, nails, screws and a few tins of paint later and the shed was looking very respectable if I do say so myself. Good job really since tatty is not the general theme of the sheds at Hale Road. Sea front beach huts is more like it. Tatty is not the theme at Hale Road Allotments generally thanks to Commandant Richardson (Oops, predictive text. That should have been Chairman. I don't know though). We love him really. I think it's called Stockholm Syndrome.

Compost bays made from recycled donated pine shelving units were next. You will have gathered that I was finding lots to do and, to be honest, finding any old excuse to go and do it. Of course this was all in the early months. So what keeps me going back? There have been one or two large projects, like the building of a heavy duty fruit cage at one end of the plot and the major drainage job on the site in the summer of 2014, organised and supervised by Selwyn, and carried out by a large group of plot holders lead, as always, by Selwyn. He does like to get his hands dirty. But what keeps me going back generally? Well, let's see, I am allowed to hump barrow loads of soil improver and manure from the car park, right up to the top of the site where "our" plot is (I don't think of it as just Val's anymore). I never imagined that one day I would stand in front of a 12 ton pile of horse manure (Val insists I say manure) and declare that it was good stuff (in the context of manure of course) and know that it was so. Other tasks I am entrusted with are, harvesting the spuds (which in the second year gave me a good understanding of the value of the soil improver - I am learning stuff you see), dead heading the

Marigolds (allotments aren't just for veg) which seems like a painting the Fourth Bri
dge situation in the summer, general weeding, though I have to be careful not to weed the crops. Double digging (that's great fun), and much much more (as they say on every poster for any old event since the beginning of time). And what's more, it's vastly cheaper than gym membership!
Still doesn't explain it does it? They say its good therapy. They may be right. What it certainly is, is very satisfying. You've no idea how good it feels to have finished double digging. It's good exercise in the open air with fresh produce at the end of it. But more importantly it's just a very nice place to be, even if you don't do much more than have a bit of a chat with other plot holders. And do some weeding. And get a bit more soil improver from the car park. And much, much more. As I said, you have to be there to understand.
John, plot 3

Finally you will be well aware that the Hale Road Allotments entry won the St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival for the second year running, but our modesty discourages us from crowing about it here. Selwyn.

News from Fen Drayton Lakes

As many of our regular visitors will concur, no two years are ever the same at Fen Drayton Lakes. This year, the reserve has at times felt awash with the gloriously attractive bullfinch. They were present in very good numbers throughout the breeding season and have been an almost certain spot along the hedgerows throughout this winter. Listen for a short, soft, fluted tone and look out for the distinct white flash of the rump which contrasts with the grey and black of its back and tail, as it flies away down the hedgerow. If you've time to stop still and wait then look around for the distinctive peachy-pink breast of the male perched or hopping around the hedges.

After an absence of two years, the reserve saw an impressive number of starlings roosting this autumn and winter. Up to 20,000 birds whirled above the reedbed, conveniently adjacent to the reserve car park. They attracted scores of visitors, many filming the dramatic sunset scene. Large numbers tend to begin gathering around mid-October but have usually moved on by Christmas.

All of our work is dependent upon the efforts and generosity of our ever-committed team of volunteers, who have had a busy few months since I last wrote. We've seen the continuation and completion of a number of projects as we strive to take the reserve forward for people and for wildlife.

We continue to make headway with 'laying' the many hedgerows planted as part of the quarry restoration and busway development. Traditionally, hedges were laid to create natural livestock barriers or boundaries. Whilst we tend not to rely on laid hedges for this purpose nowadays, the dense hedgerows which the practice creates are perfect for many birds to nest and take cover in.

At long last, the creation of our grazed traditional orchard is nearing completion thanks to our volunteers and to funding from Natural England, The Big Tree Plant, SCDC and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership. A large part of the work involved is the building of substantial cattle guards which will protect the 127 apple, pear and plum trees planted this winter. Most of the trees are of locally or regionally developed varieties and include the Willingham gage, Cottenham Seedling apple and Blickling pear.

Our installation of infrastructure at what's now known as Paddy's Pond, adjacent to the busway where the hide path begins, is also nearing completion with a new path spur leading to a strategically sited and accessible picnic table and bench seat which is now in place. This should provide a nice additional feature at the reserve by next summer. We are very grateful to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Paddy Bennett, whose generous donations have allowed this project to go ahead.

Quite often we forget to take advantage of what is right on our doorstep, but I would urge anybody who hasn't visited the reserve for a while, or indeed ever, to take the time sometime soon to take a walk and discover how you can enjoy this vast, free resource that's just a few minutes away.

Tim Fisher – Warden

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity:
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WWW.SwaveseyCameraClub.co.uk

Swavesey Camera Club

annual photographic exhibition

March 28th, 2015
doors open at 10am

free entry
refreshments available

Memorial hall High street,Swavesey, CB24 4QU

Proceeds from card sales to **Arthur Rank Hospice**

Photography Competition 2015

Open competition for the Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition to be held on Saturday, March 28

Two classes:

1. JUNIOR CLASS (16 and under)
2. ADULT CLASS (17 and over)

(excludes present members of Swavesey Camera Club, or professional photographers).

Competition is for prints only. All prints should be a maximum size of A4 and may be Monochrome or colour. On the reverse they should have the photographer's name, Address and phone number, age (over 17's may state "Adult"!). A title is preferred but not compulsory. All entries and winners will be shown at the Camera Club Exhibition on Saturday, March 28 in Swavesey Memorial Hall.

Maximum of 2 prints per entrant, per category.
There are three categories in each class:

* Animals
* Orange
* Vintage

Closing date for entries is Friday, March 20.

Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members. Certificates will be given for the winner and runner up in each category; from these an overall winner and runner up will be selected from each class for whom there will be a cash prize and free membership for 1 year for Swavesey Camera Club.

Forms for the competition can be sent or delivered to
Peter Looper, 23 Moat Way, Swavesey CB24 4TR
To be received no later than Friday, March 20, 2015

Prints can be collected from the exhibition on the afternoon of the show. Prints can only be returned by post if a S.A.E is enclosed.

VILLAGE NEWS

SWAVESEY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We hope that you were able to attend the Christmas carols event in the Market St this year, we were very fortunate to have excellent weather. It was a lovely evening with the carol singing, local band and a special visit from Father Christmas, which make this a truly magical and festive event.

We held a creative Christmas picture competition at Swavesey Primary School again where the winning entry is featured on the village signs and carol booklets. Mandy Smith and Linda Miller kindly agreed to judge the entries again this year with some lovely pictures to choose from. This year the winners were; 1st place Lily High, 2nd place Fin Muino and 3rd place William Crowther. Well done to all the winners.

We wanted to say a special thank you to:

Target Print & Claire and Nigel Drake from the Newsagents in Market St.

All those who donated raffle prizes including White Horse, La Mac hairdressers, Shop on the Pond, and many Swavesey residents, we had some excellent prizes this year and we really do appreciate your support.

Thank you to all our helpers on the night:

The Scouts and the Cub helpers

All the helpers for the mulled wine & raffle stalls, especially Carole and John Pook

Rev John Yule and the Swavesey band.

Rev David Mann

Our wonderful reindeer for helping Father Christmas deliver some Christmas spirit to our lovely Swavesey children.

To all those who helped set up and clear away on the night.

We hope we haven't missed anyone off our thank you list, apologies if we have, we really do appreciate all your support. We rely heavily on the support of volunteers to help make this event a success, therefore if you'd like to volunteer in any way to help us for next year's event then please let us know as we currently need someone who can help with the organisation of this event.

We do hope that you all enjoyed this year's event. Please remember that this event is financed solely by money collected on the night and donations. This year, we were able to cover our costs and make donations to St Andrew's Church, the Scouts, and Swavesey Action for Youth, so thank you very much for your kind support.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year from Claire & Jeff Cockram 01954 205120 clairecockram@hotmail.co.uk

Your Library Swavesey

The Library continues To operate during Building work.

Click and Collect Order Books on line and Collect from the Library.

Visit us in the Resource Centre at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**John Pook**	**230978**
Sue Jones	**230650**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2016

Registered Charity No. 1125778

Swavesey Festival 18th-25th June 2016

Planning is already well under way for next year's Swavesey Festival which will take place over eight days from Saturday 18th to Saturday 25th June, so mark these dates in your diary **now**...

The theme this time will be 'The Musicals'.

This could include anything from *South Pacific* to *Cats* and from *Oliver!* to *Wicked* with dozens more in between. It gives young and old plenty of scope for creativity when designing your costume for the Village Parade on Gala Day and when making your Scarecrow. So start planning now because with so much flexibility the standard is likely to be very high.

Other regular events will be repeated including the Open Village Weekend involving displays at St Andrew's Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey Village College and the Memorial Hall. Open Gardens and Allotments, the Gala Day with the Village Fair on the Green, Music on the Green and much more will be back.

However, the Festival Committee needs new ideas for activities, displays and events, please, so we will be seeking your suggestions **during 2015.**

Possible warm-up event

Swavesey Festival Committee are considering holding a starter event in June 2015 to ease Swavesey into the festival mood a year early.

This could involve a Jazz Band at The Windmill. Or it may be a Quiz Night or a Show somewhere. Then again, it might be some sort of Mid-Summer Dance.

Definite Big Band Concert 12th September 2015

Make a note immediately that Blues Brothers are booked (all 15 of them) to appear in a giant marquee on The Green on Saturday 12th September 2015 with a full supporting cast. This will be a major, fast-moving, top-quality musical extravaganza aimed at an audience of 500 plus. There will be a traditional bar, a bottle bar and a range of food stalls on hand. Details will be available in the summer.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15. To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200.

Recent winners include:

November 2014

First Prize	£60 Shirley Stokes
Second Prize	£30 Marian Morgan
Third Prize	£15 Vera Doggett

December 2014

First Prize	£60 Shirley Hall
Second Prize	£30 Carol Dyer
Third Prize	£15 Sarah Hellon

www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk

Christingle Service

It was a superb service with more families than ever attending and I have been able to send off a cheque for £430.50 to the Children's Society.

Many thanks again

Jacqui

The Five Pub Challenge

Original Flavour!

Sunday 10th May 2015

Starting at 11.00am from The Over Day Centre, follow the original Five Pub Challenge route through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, **The Ferry Boat** (for free soup and a roll), **The Three Tuns** (free cone of chips if you get there before 2.30pm) and **The White Horse** before returning to Over for free homemade cake & finisher's certificate at **The Exhibition**.

£8 entry fee in advance, or £10 entry on the day from 10.00am.

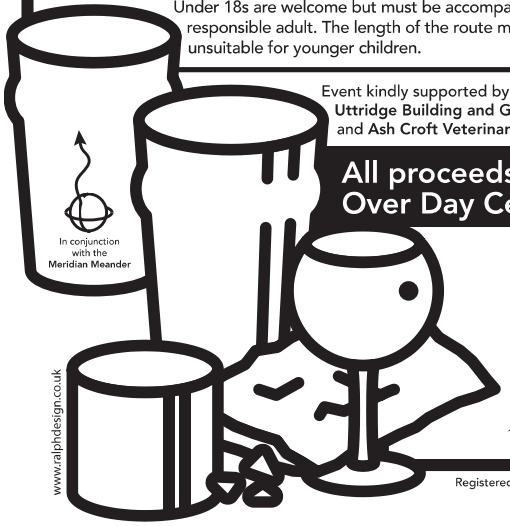
Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from *www.overdaycentre.co.uk* or telephoning **01954 231807**.

Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.

Event kindly supported by **Nick Uttridge Building and Groundworks** and **Ash Croft Veterinary Practice**

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!



The Over Day Centre
1 Drings Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

Registered Charity No: 800829

The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 10th May 2015

Fancy upping the 'Challenge' a bit? Then join us for **The Meridian Meander Walk**, which is **26 miles**!

The route takes the valley of the River Great Ouse, passing through historic St Ives and the picturesque villages of Houghton and the Hemingfords.

Start between 8.30 and 9.30am from **The Over Day Centre**, where hot bacon rolls and a cuppa can be bought to help you on your way.

There are two checkpoints on the route where light refreshments will be provided. Finish at **The Exhibition** in Over for a free piece of cake!

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18). Entry forms can be downloaded from www.overdaycentre.co.uk/events.html

Closing date 5th May. **NO ENTRY ON DAY**

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

Any questions? please contact Allison Box: amsdjb@yahoo.co.uk

Event kindly supported by **Nick Uttridge Building and Groundworks** and **Ash Croft Veterinary Practice**

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1 Drings Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

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Doctors Surgeries

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Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Over Surgery
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Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
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Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted

See our website at www.swavesey.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

White Horse News

Come and try our new menu, great food, freshly cooked, but word is getting out so book to avoid disappointment.

Please note our new opening hours:
Monday 1700-23.30 (NB no food on Mondays)
Tuesday-Thursday 12.00-15.00 and 17.00-23.30
Friday & Saturday 12.00-00.30
Sunday 12.00-22.30

Coming events:
January 31st live band "Roger Roger"
February 14th live singer

We also have Sky and BT Sport.
Hope to see you soon!
Baz & Katie

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

DRAMATICA

DANCE/DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR AGE 7 - 12
COME AND HAVE FUN (NO SINGING!)

IN FEBRUARY HALF TERM
AT SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLGE
9.30-3.30PM

DETAILS CONTACT
TUTOR JACK STINTON BA (FULL CRB)
COST £40

BOOK ON
jackstintondance@gmail.com
dramatica@ntlworld.com
or (01954) 200533.

Rheebridge Open Art Exhibition

Local students in the spotlight as Rheebridge Open Art Exhibition inspires local community

Swavesey Village College hosted a major open art exhibition which showcased an impressive array of art media and offered local sixth form students valuable insight into careers in the creative world. It also saw the launch of an important new youth art initiative, and even challenged the current approach to creativity in education.

Over 100 Cambridgeshire artists exhibited their paintings and sculptures at the Rheebridge Open Art Exhibition at Swavesey Village College from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November. Principal of the College, Andrew Daly, opened the event by saying: "I am immensely proud that my school is the venue for this important creative event and that my students have been involved in so many aspects of its development. It is a great introduction to those who are interested in pursuing a career in visual arts or journalism".

The exhibition gave students the opportunity to help with hanging and positioning the exhibits, and act as roving reporters and photographers throughout the weekend.

Cottenham artist Steve Ferris was awarded the 'Best in Show' prize of £500, with five runners-up winning £100 each. The prizes were sponsored for the third consecutive year by Rheebridge, the Cambridge-based property development, social enterprise and angel investment company founded by David Rapley. There was also a People's Choice Award, voted for by visitors to the exhibition. Visitors also had the chance of winning the picture they liked best via a free prize draw at the close of the exhibition.

A controversial topic was broached by keynote speaker, David Reed, Lecturer in Art at Cambridge Regional College when he asserted, "Some of our educational approaches are limiting the creativity of our students." His comments found immediate support, and he urged students to "be brave and be true to yourselves."

This year also saw the launch of CAYAC (Cambridge Area Young Artists Competition) which showcased 40 artworks by under-16s from local schools. The overall chosen winner was Joe Kenyon from Impington Village College, who received his award from Jeremy Newton, Chief Executive of The Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts, at a special ceremony during the weekend.

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups". A great chance to meet local parents.

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the Spring term.

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA
Member BDQT (DBS Checked)

01954 200533
tutusrus@ntlworld.com

CRB Disclosure & Barring Service

Are you a ...Guitarist? Bass player? Drummer? Singer? Keyboard player?

Rock School Needs You!

From 11am-12noon on Saturday mornings at Swavesey Village College, come and be part of the SMS ROCK SCHOOL

Form bands with other musicians, learn to play your favourite songs, write songs yourselves and perform at regular rock concerts.

Whether you are just starting to play or are already a rock legend, you'll fit right in at Rock School.

To find out more visit us at www.swaveseyms.co.uk

Swavesey Music School

Looking for a lively and creative approach to music for pre-school children?

Swavesey Music School offers a class with a comprehensive range of musical activities: singing, rhythm games, percussion, listening, performing, moving to music; led by an early-years' specialist.

'Kate's Kindy' is on Saturdays at 9 – 9.40am at Swavesey Village College

Want to know more?

Contact Kate Woolf (01954 200975) or visit the website www.swaveseyms.co.uk

BATS

Baby **A**nd **T**oddler **S**ervices are informal services held on the second Monday of each month at 10:30am on the carpet at the back of St Andrew's church on Station Road, Swavesey.

All ages are welcome, but especially pre-school children and their parents and carers. Please join in with us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others.

When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

If you would like to know more, then contact Caroline Stevens, by phone: 01954 231433 or email her at: caroline@overroad.co.uk

Forthcoming **BATS**

We move to a new theme "Jesus loves me"
Monday 9th Feb 2015 – Jesus loves children
Monday 9th Mar 2015 – The lost sheep

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

Parish Priest: Father Edward Tredota
Assistant Priest: Father Marek Pabis

Tel: 01480 462192
www.sacredheart-stives.org
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

We also have a large hall available for hire.
Please contact the parish office for details.

The Parish and Priory Church of
St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services of your parish church.

February and March Diary

Sunday 1st February — Candlemas

11.00am **Parish Communion**

6.30pm **Evensong**

Monday 2nd February

11.30am **Holy Communion**
in the Thistle Green Community Room

Sunday 8th February — Second Sunday before Lent

8.15am **Holy Communion**

11.00am **Parish Communion**

Monday 9th February

10.30am **Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)**

Sunday 15th February — Sunday next before Lent

8.15am **Holy Communion**

11.00am **Parish Communion**

7.00pm **Sunday Sanctuary** ***at St Andrew's, Swavesey***

Wednesday 18th February — Ash Wednesday

7.30pm **Service for the Beginning of Lent with Ashing** *(optional)*

Sunday 22nd February — First Sunday of Lent

8.15am **Holy Communion**

11.00am **Family Service with Holy Communion**

Wednesday 25th February and weekly until 25th March

Lent Group *: see www.honeyhill.org for details*

Sunday 1st March — Second Sunday of Lent

11.00am **Parish Communion**

6.30pm **Evensong**

Monday 2nd March

11.30am **Holy Communion**
in the Thistle Green Community Room

Sunday 8th March — Third Sunday of Lent

8.15am **Holy Communion**

11.00am **Parish Communion**

Monday 9th March

10.30am **Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)**

Sunday 15th March — Mothering Sunday

8.15am **Holy Communion**

11.00am **Family Service with Holy Communion and Distribution of Posies**

7.00pm **Sunday Sanctuary** ***at Bethel Baptist Church***

Saturday 21st March

Swavesey Community Choir Spring Concert

Sunday 22nd March — Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.15am **Holy Communion**

11.00am **Parish Communion**

Saturday 28th March 10.00am to 5.00pm

Table Top Sale in St Andrew's Church

Sunday 29th March — Palm Sunday

8.15am **Holy Communion**

11.00am **Parish Communion** **with Palm Crosses**

To arrange weddings, baptisms, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child, etc., please contact 01954 231903 or www.honeyhill.org

BETHEL 175

This year we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary

We hope that you will be able to join us in this celebration. Perhaps you have memories, or even photograph about events connected to the history of Bethel that you would like to share with us!

Contact us:
minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or
Join us on facebook www.facebook.com/bethel175
to keep in touch with what is happening

COMPASS YOUTH CAFE

A drop-in session from 6:30pm - 9:00pm for anyone between 11-16 years old. Come and go as you like!

Music, X-box games on the big screen, laptops, drinks & snacks.
FREE internet access!

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

All WELCOME
Something for ALL the family!
10.45 am each week with Activities for children 0 16 years
First Sunday in the Month — 9:30 am service
followed by Church around the coffee table at **10:45 am**!
Why not come and try it?

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors
Fun and Games for Children in Keystages 1, 2 and 3 every Monday night during term-time.
Come and Join us at 6:00pm for an hour of fun activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories, music and discussions.
(Survivors meet at 7:00pm)

For more information on weekly events:
Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival 2014.

Well, it was that time of the year again at St Andrews Church. Time for the 3rd Christmas Tree Festival!

With the number of entries totalling 33, it was an opportunity for all the talented individuals and groups connected to Swavesey to demonstrate their artistic skills. It would be true to say that some entries were certainly "thinking outside the box"! Yet every entry was individual and reflected many hours of planning, and execution. Entries this year included another generous donation following on from last year, from a very talented cake maker and her daughter, a "Piñata Cake Tree", which became the raffle prize and this alone raised £82. Other entries included one made up of sweets, and another reflecting 30+ crafts in its making, and thirdly a "Centenary Tree" which was very fitting for 2014, remembering the start of World War 1 and detailing the names and contribution of the soldiers from Swavesey who fought in the Great War. I cannot mention all the entries but they were all fabulous in their own right.

Everybody who visited the event was able to vote for their favourite tree, and the winner for 2014 was Hale Road Allotment Association. Children visiting also had the opportunity to take part in the "Hunt the Snowman" – and the winner of that was Polly Hatfield.

Running alongside the Tree Festival was the chance to see the Vicar's 'N' gauge railway, a chance to write a prayer for the "Prayer Tree", and the "Bling and Buy" stall which enabled people to purchase a few early Christmas gifts in the form of scarves, jewellery and handmade knitted/crocheted tree decorations.

Finally, as it was quite a cold weekend weather-wise, it was a great excuse to warm up with a tea or coffee and the must have cake!

So, all in all, a grand total of £1000.37 was raised for the upkeep of St Andrews Church.
If you were unable to be there you missed a treat – and be sure to put the dates in your diary for the Christmas Tree Festival 2015! Even better tap your inner creativity and put in an entry – either way we look forward to seeing you in December 2015.

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear all
I hope you had a Happy Christmas and are now well into a good New Year. There are so many things going on that I am not sure where to start. It is good to see that all the authorities responsible for the prevention of flooding have taken action to ensure Swavesey is OK. The Bund at Fen Drayton has been completed by South Cambs District Council, which should help the Covell's Drain problems for Fen Drayton and lead to the raising of the river banks to protect Swavesey.

The Parish Council have worked with the County Council to flush the drains and identify blockages, and South Cambs hosted a meeting of all the relevant authorities to enable all residents to clarify issues following the summer flood.

You may have heard in the autumn statement that the Government are taking over and speeding up the delivery of Northstowe. None were more surprised at this statement than South Cambs District Council, but I can clarify that the original arrangements will continue but the Government may inject money so houses can be built more quickly.

Also in the Autumn statement there was a change in the S106 and affordable housing requirements. Up until that statement anybody building a house or extension had to pay towards the local infrastructure. This money was given to the Parish Council to spend on things like playground equipment. Also 40% of all new housing developments have to be affordable houses which are run by Housing Associations. The new directive says that those rules will only apply to developments of more than 10 houses. This of course will have an effect on the money available to the Parish Council and many other consequences for small villages who cannot have developments of more than 5 homes at any one time.

Many of you will have been affected by a "rave" in the summer. South Cambs District Council has taken steps to restrict planning permission for this site which the Police and South Cambs Enforcement Dept. will monitor.

The exception site homes in School Lane seem to have taken an age to move forward. One of the problems was that a key member of staff at South Cambs went on long term sick leave. But there is a new manager in post and I hope we will see swift movement to develop the site.

As always phone me on 01954 202923 or 07774 146331 or email me at Cllr ellington@scambs.gov.uk
Sue Ellington

From Your CC - Mandy Smith

Good Day

The County Council is now looking at the budget for the forthcoming year, information is always put onto the website, however despite the digital age that we live in, I still prefer to talk face to face.

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss anything.

The Boundary Commission is now looking at The Divisions on the County Council. The intention is to cut down the number of Councillors, from 69 to 63. This in turn will make all divisions larger, Swavesey is currently within The Papworth and Swavesey Division, which is made up of 10 villages, please contact me for further information.

We are now all allocated to committees under the new governance of the County Council, this scheme has been running for a while, have you noticed a difference, from when we had The Cabinet system?

Please contact me if you would like to ask questions about anything, or if you would like me to talk to a group?

I am happy to help in any way that I can.

Best Wishes
Mandy Smith

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Looking for something new to do in 2015?

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking for volunteers in your area to join our successful Community Champion scheme.

Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

We will train you, give you a uniform and provide you with a wide range of activities to choose from, all of which will help to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire.

Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Rachael Brown at Cambridgeshire ACRE on (01353) 865038; email rachael.brown@cambsacre.org.uk or log on to http://cambsfirechamps.org.uk/. Cambridgeshire ACRE coordinate the Community Champions Scheme on behalf of CFRS.

And don't forget to make a New Year Resolution to test your smoke alarm, and that of your elderly relatives, once a month by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.
Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching @cambsfrs.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Newsletters

Cambridgeshire's Adult Safeguarding Team have published the latest issue of their Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act newsletter which can be downloaded from the County Council's website. It includes useful information and updates for people who use services, families and carers, the general public, and professionals who work with vulnerable adults.

Download the newsletter here:
http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20100/safeguarding_adults_and_mental_capacity_act/523/adults_at_risk_from_harm

New website promoting the Ouse Washes Landscape just launched!

The Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP), supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, has just launched its new website; visit it at www.ousewashes.org.uk

Come and find out what makes the Ouse Washes Landscape special! This new website is intended to be a 'one-stop shop' for local people and visitors to explore the Ouse Washes Landscape, to find out what is special about the landscape, where to go and what to do.

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News November December 2014

County Council

The building work for extensions to the Primary School starts in January; parking has been arranged off site for staff at the school to ease traffic problems. The PC continues to have discussions with the County to overcome parking problems in the High Street and in Gibraltar Lane, the latter also involving the Village College.

Surface water flooding and problems with road drains and ditches have been taken up with the County following an inspection of the critical areas by the Clerk and a Highways Engineer. (Full details are available in PC minutes on the village website).

The PC is still pressing for completion of the street lighting as this goes to press.

The Boundary Commission are formally consulting on the possible revision of divisions for the County Council. The PC is in discussions with adjoining parishes on our side of the A14 to consider submitting ideas to strengthen our links with neighbouring villages.

The PC has received concerns from residents about a number of traffic issues:

Speeding in Ramper Road, this has been raised with the police and a suggestion to set up a speed watch group is covered elsewhere in this issue of the Meridian.

The PC supports the provision of a 20mph limit through the High Street unfortunately our efforts to press for this with the County Highways and Education Departments were not successful, but this remains a priority for the PC and we will continue to pursue ways to set it up.

Parking problems in Market Street are increasing and the PC is concerned that there are safety issues arising, particularly outside the White Horse and the shop. The PC agreed to provide funds in next year's budget to mark out parking bays and include cycle racks to try to avoid inconsiderate parking. The work is to take place during next year. Residents and visitors are asked to take care when entering the area and parking.

District Council

A planning meeting of the PC was attended by officers of the District Council to hear concerns the PC has about a number of issues:

They apologised for the delays affecting the deteriorating condition of the listed cottage at the end of Market Street. The latest news is that the building is to be protected by a scaffold roof and that plans will be shared with the PC in February or March with the intention of restoring the cottage on its present footprint with proposals for further development of the site. The PC has strong views about the development of the site and the impact on Market Street.

COUNCIL NEWS

The concerns that the PC has that the affordable housing site in Fen Drayton road is for local people is to be taken forward at a meeting with SCDC Housing and Legal officers to discuss how this can be achieved through a section 106 agreement.

The PC once again raised its urgent concerns about drainage issues in the village. There was a detailed and hard hitting discussion on this matter at the meeting (see the PC minutes for details).

The Police and SCDC are taking forward enforcement issues arising from anti-social activities in Cow Fen Drove and elsewhere. The District Council and the Police are initiating Community Protection Notice powers in respect of Cow Fen Drove. These powers were introduced on the 20th October 2014 as part of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Neighbourhood Watch and Police Business.

Sgt.Rabel attended the December meeting to listen to concerns and report on action (see above). The PC has received reports from the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator at each of its meetings.

Drainage

The Council continues to press for action on a number of drainage concerns with the Environment Agency and SCDC. The PC pressed for support and action from SCDC as reported above

Village Matters

The PC is taking action to fell the dangerous tree at Turnbridge on the High Street.

The PC received reports of the work of the Community Warden Scheme and from Swavesey Action For Youth, both organizations continue to thrive.

Planning

The PC considered and commented on a number of planning applications. Enforcement action is being pursued by SCDC in connection with planning breaches.

The Fair

Mr Dean the showman who brought the fair to Swavesey in past years has asked if he can return in 2015. The PC has asked for residents views as to its return and would like as many people as possible to let us know how you feel to help us to reach a decision.

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council

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CAN YOU HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

Were you affected by the flooding in August? Maybe someone you know was, or like many of us you might have seen the water creeping closer and closer to your home. Whatever your location in the village you'd be wise to prepare and to help you do this the Parish Council has put the Environment Agency Flooding Advice booklet on the village website www.swavesey.org.uk/parish_council Please do have a look.

The Parish Council would also like to be able to respond to any sort of emergency and assist the emergency services with local knowledge and the help of local people. So we are reviewing our Emergency Plan and we need your help. Would you be willing to volunteer in any emergency? Do you have any items that might be needed? For example, 4 wheel drive vehicles, generators and quad bikes. We also would like to hear from people with specialist skills such as speaking another language or who are trained doctors, nurses or paramedics. Or maybe you simply want to offer a willing pair of hands. Everyone's contribution is valuable.

If you can help with any of the above we would like to hear from you. Please email Linda Miller, Swavesey Parish Clerk on clerk@swavesey.org.uk with your contacts details and what you would be able to offer in an emergency. No details will be passed to third parties without prior consent.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Sandie Smith (Parish Councillor)

You can help reduce speeding through our village
Would you like to join a Speedwatch Team?

The Speedwatch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood.

The scheme is run by the Cambs Police Force alongside the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership. It is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding and monitoring any trends in speeding in neighbourhoods.

Volunteers are trained to use speed indicator devices which display vehicle speed. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from their local neighbourhood policing team, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community.

The data compiled through local Speedwatch exercises can then be used by Parish Councils as evidence to help obtain traffic calming and speed reduction measures for residential roads, so local people directly affected by speeding can help to combat the problems.
So, how can you help?

How much time will I need to give up? There is no minimum time set but an expectation that sufficient hours are given to make the scheme viable.

Do you get training? Yes, full training is given to volunteers. This training will be provided by your local neighbourhood team in your neighbourhood and will depend on the needs of the group assembled.

Is it safe for volunteers? Volunteers are given full training and safety equipment to ensure they are clearly visible to road users.

Will officers still carry out speed checks? Areas where speeding is identified as an issue will be considered for enforcement work by officers.

What equipment is used? Volunteers are provided with high visibility jackets and conduct speed checks using speed indicator devices. The vehicle's speed is then displayed on the monitor.

Will records of the offending vehicles be kept? Information gathered during the checks will be used to target enforcement and education measures. Persistent offenders will receive a visit from officers.

Can motorists be prosecuted? No, these checks are about educating motorists.

How do I become a volunteer?
Swavesey Parish Council would like residents who would like to help set up a Speedwatch Team to contact the Parish Council. We will then arrange for a training session here in Swavesey. We would also like a local resident to be able to help co-ordinate and lead the Speedwatch Team. Training will be arranged for around February-March time.

To join the team, please contact the Parish Council on clerk@swavesey.org.uk or
Tel: 01954 202982

THE
SWAVESEY PATCH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

THERE ARE SOME WHO LIKE TO TAKE IT WITH WATER

It is a matter of taste of course but water dilutes any substance. Swavesey NHW will become watered down, or weakened if we do not actively reach out to new residents or fail keep our folk fully informed.

We have had the most incredible record in Swavesey over the past few years. We have a brilliant and active relationship with the police. We have prevented many crimes and solved others. Nationally it has been deemed that NHW reduces crime in an area by 16- 26%. We believe that we have performed well but to stay effective we need to stay "neat".

I will be conducting a Spring Campaign leafleting and looking at one or two areas that seem to have dropped off the radar a little. I would so appreciate some help.

If you are not a member of NHW please do contact me as below. What we can offer you may surprise you.

If you are a member and not receiving messaging, this is a concern. Please also contact me.

If you can give me any time, please do let me know. I too am a volunteer and can only do what I can do!

Regards, Polly.

polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
CAMTAD	CAMTAD is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail admin@camtadcambs.org.uk or check the web-site www.camtadcambs.org.uk.
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: steeplekeeper@ely.anglican.org Website: https://sites.google.com/site/elydistrictbells/towers/swavesey-details
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman Gordon Hilton-Jackson (01954) 230606) or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our clubs welcome mixed abilities of all ages. After school clubs are held for Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Tuesdays at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey; and Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Thursdays at Fen Drayton Village Hall. Evening classes for all ages are held on Monday 6.30-8pm at Cambridge Regional College Sports Hall, Wednesday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Village Hall, and Friday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Primary School. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk Website: www.btsdi.com
Over District Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	Over Rainbows: Monday & Tuesday, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Over Primary School - Over Brownies: Wednesday, 6.00pm-7.30pm, Thursday 5.30-7.00pm, Over Church Hall - Over Guides: Tuesday, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Over Church Hall - District Commissioner Jeanette Fenn 01954 232283 jeanette.fenn@hotmail.co.uk
1st Swavesey Brownies	Meet 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Swavesey Memorial Hall every Monday. We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815198 if you are interested in participating. Email:- browlowl@virginmedia.com

Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	Meet every Thursday, 7.30-9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome (£4.00 charge). For further details ring Peter Looper (01954) 202461
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm – 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on (01954) 200068 or s2art50@lycos.co.uk
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm week-days in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net

Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday in the month at Over Town Hall at 7.30pm starting Wednesday September 10 2014. Contact- Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles: (01954) 780485
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
1st Swavesey Guides	We meet from 6:30pm to 8.15pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall every Thursday during term time. For more details please contact Claire Hagger chhagger@gmail.com.
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Spartans	For information or player enquires please contact- Chairman - JamesTait Tel: 01954 232183 Secretary - David Rudderham Tel:01954 203258 swaveseyspartanssec@gmail.com Child Welfare Officer- Teresa Sarkar Tel: 01954 231079 Website- http://www.swaveseyspartansfc.co.uk or find us on Facebook
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07763 103286 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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